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Praying Hands Ranches To Host Its 19th Annual Fundraiser

Parker, CO – January 26, 2007 - Praying Hands Ranches, a non-profit organization founded in 1987, will host their 19th Annual Sweetheart Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the needs of handicapped children and adults at its Equine Therapeutic Center in Parker, Colorado.

“Every year, we host this fundraiser as one of two important events that serves as the means to carry on our work,” said Shirley Hanson, Co-Founder and Volunteer Director of Praying Hands Ranch. “Families of handicapped children and adults have come to rely on us to help their loved ones build self-esteem and independence while learning to overcome their fears.”

In February 2006, the 18th Annual Spaghetti Dinner raised \$22,500 with 425 in attendance. This year's goal is to match last year's attendance and dollars raised and more importantly, to continue to increase awareness about the success that Hippotherapy, Equine Therapy, and Horticultural programs have had with handicapped children and adults.

Jeanene “JC” Childers, a Parker resident and a long time supporter of Praying Hands Ranch, frequently attends the annual Sweetheart Spaghetti Dinner. “I have always supported this event. It is an opportunity to give to a truly worthy cause while enjoying an evening of fun and fellowship with other members of our unique and diverse community. Shirley and Carl Hanson (Co-Owner and Volunteer Director of Praying Hands Ranches) strive to make each guest feel special and appreciated.” said Childers.

This fundraiser is a family event and takes place Saturday, February 10, 2007, at the Praying Hands Ranches and begins at 6:00pm. The dinner includes a silent auction, live

music by the rock and roll band The Johnson Project, and a kid's corner with inflatable obstacle course, an inflatable bungee run, and a clown. There is a snow date of January 17, 2007 with the same event time and notices posted on www.prayinghandsranches.org.

Tickets for this event cost \$12.00 for adults in advance, \$15.00 for adults at the door and \$5.00 for children. Tickets can be purchased at Edge Hair Studio on the corner of Plaza Drive and Parker Road in the Parker West II Shopping Center or by calling (303) 841-4043. Sponsorship for this event is also available. For further details, please visit www.prayinghandsranches.org or call (303) 841-4043.

About Praying Hands Ranches:

Praying Hands Ranches, Inc. (PHR) was founded in 1987 by Carl and Shirley Hanson in Parker, Colorado. PHR is a non-profit 501(c)(3) Christian organization committed to meeting the needs of handicapped children and adults, as well as troubled youth, in a ranch environment therapeutic center through Hippotherapy served by therapists, Equine by registered instructors, and Horticultural programs served by Douglas County master gardeners. Clients' ages range from 24 months to 72 years. We serve all handicaps that have been medically released with Cerebral Palsy, Spina Bifida, Autism, Emotionally disabled, Down Syndrome, Multiple handicapped, Hydrocephalic, Multiple Sclerosis, Brain Damage, Stroke and others. PHR also serves mental health needs. More information can be found at www.prayinghandsranches.org.

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